Permission to foreign airlines to operate on Gulf-Trivandrum sector

2273. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to permit foreign airlines to operate on Gulf Trivandrum sector to make it more competitive; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Omnatex Injection

2274. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1319 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Omnatex Injection is being sold at a very high price;

(b) if so, what is the price of each strength;

(c) what was the import of the injection during 1989-90 value-wise; and quantity-wise;

(d) what are the reasons for keeping Fortum Injection and Omnatex Injection outside price control when they are considered essential and worth importing even duty free; and

(e) what are the names of other drugs and finished imported medicines of these companies exempted from price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Omnatex Injections are based on bulk drugs, Cefotaxime Sodium which is presently being imported. Whereas the prices of Scheduled formulations are fixed as per the provisions contrained in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, Govt. keeps a constant watch on the prices of Non-Scheduled formulations. Whenever an abnormal increase is noticed, Government intervenes to ensure that the prices are brought to reasonable levels. As per available information, prices of Omnatex Injections in different strengths are as under:

Strength	Price (Rs.)
250 mg. Injection (1 Amp.)	44.34
1 gm. Injection (1 Amp.)	156.00

(c) Omnatex Injections are not being imported. These are being manufactured based on imported bulk drugs namely Cefotaxime Sodium. Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals do not monitor company-wise imports. However, as per available information, the total imports of Cefotaxime Sodium during 1988-89 were of the Order of 1136.47 kgs. at an estimated landed cost of Rs. 564.70 lakhs. Similar data for the year 1989-90 is not readily available.

(d) Both Fortum and Omnatex Injections are based on Non-Scheduled bulk drugs and hence are outside price control. The bulk drugs in controlled categories are based on the recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee in its Main as well as Supplementary Report which was accepted by the then Government.

(e) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Plans to develop mini gas fields

2275. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to develop mini gas fields by using urban and rural land industrial wastes, based on the concept of waste re-cycling and resource recovery systems by setting up a number of waste based plants;